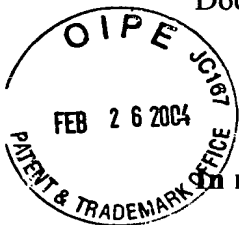


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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a Three-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. The Three-Month Extension fee of \$950.00 is included in the check which accompanies this submission. An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action and a Notice of Appeal are being filed simultaneously herewith. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is also authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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